QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Electric lighting of the streets in Trivandrum.

1. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) (i) whether any extension of electric lighting in Trivandrum is being undertaken for this year, and, if so, for how many miles ; (ii) which are the roads selected ; (iii) who selected them ; and (iv) whether the local Municipal Council has been consulted in this matter, and, if not, whether there are any special reasons for not doing so ;

(*b*) whether any money is being received by Government from the Trivandrum Municipal Council as contribution towards electric lighting in the town ; and, if so, how much ;

(*c*) whether the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, has furnished at any time lists of roads in the town to be lit with electric lights ; if so, for how many miles of roads ; whether all the roads comprised therein have now been lit with electric lights ; and, if not, whether there are any special reasons for not doing so ;

(*d*) whether the Electrical Engineer has taken up the roads not included in the lists forwarded by the Municipal Council for lighting ; and

(*e*) how many electric lamp posts have been planted on the road sides in the town without their being fitted with street lights and how many miles would they cover ; what is the expenditure incurred by Government for that purpose (inclusive of the cost of posts, fittings and labour) ; why have they been so planted ; and what was the necessity to take up new extensions before lights are fitted up in these posts ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) : (*a*) (i) No.

(ii) (iii) and (iv) These do not arise in view of the reply to (i) above.

(*b*) No contribution is being paid to Government by the Municipality, except for the current consumption for certain junction lights and pumping plant.

(*c*) Yes, 38 roads (vide list* attached). These have not been taken up as the Municipality is not in a position to meet the initial cost and annual maintenance.

(*d*) No.

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(*e*) No electric lamp posts have been planted ; but about 420 posts have been erected for the extension of supply mains and no street lights are fitted on these. The distance will be about 14 miles. The total expenditure booked for this line is Rs. 32,345. They have been planted for extension of supply mains. The necessity of these extensions is to give connection to consumers.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know, Sir, whether any extension of electric lighting in the town of Trivandrum is proposed to be undertaken during the year 1110?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : Two miles' extension has been proposed for the year 1110.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether it is in addition to the lamp posts which are already posted ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : These two main extensions are in addition to the supply lines already erected.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether these cover the 420 lamp posts which the member referred to in his answer?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : I have replied in part (*e*) of my answer that they are not lamp posts but they are supply posts.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know who has met the cost of these lamp posts ?

President : You mean supply posts ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : It is met out of the capital expenditure debited to the Trivandrum Electric Supply.

Replacement of the electric wires in public offices in Trivandrum from lead casing to wood casing.

2. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many of the public offices in the town have been fitted up with electric wires in lead casing ; the date of such fitting up and the cost therefor ; and

(*b*) whether the Electrical Engineer has now recommended to Government to replace these lead casing with wood casing ; if so, on what grounds ; and what will be the total cost for such replacement ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) A list* is laid on the table

(*b*) No.

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 42.

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